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PROGRAM MEMO

CDA 1014 (Rev. 10/17) NO.: **PM 17-12** TO: Area Agencies on Aging SUBJECT: DATE ISSUED: December 22, 2017 **Medicare Improvements for Patients and** EXPIRES: September 29, 2018 Providers Act Contract (MI-1718) Budget and **Reporting Information** REFERENCES: **PROGRAMS** ☐ All ☐ Title III-B ☐ Title III-C1/C2 ☐ Title III-D ☐ Title III-E AFFECTED: ☐ Title VII ☐ Title V ☐ HICAP ⊠ Other: **Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Purpose** This Program Memo (PM) provides funding information and specifies reporting requirements for your January 1, 2018 – September 29, 2018 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) original contract (MI-1718). All contract-related documents, including Budget Displays and the Local Assistance Contract Checklist (CDA 9007), can be found on the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) page of the California Department of Aging's (CDA) website. **Funding** The total MIPPA funding amount for the MI-1718 contract is \$1,645,082. Of the total, \$179,171 is the unspent MI-1517 contract balance from the 2014 MIPPA grant and \$1,465,911 is from the new 2017 MIPPA Grant which will be distributed across two State Fiscal Years. **Allocation** To determine each AAA's MIPPA allocation, CDA used the methodology described Methodology in the MI-1718 Allocation Methodology document found on the Area Agencies on Aging - Budget Displays page of CDA's website. This document provides a description of the allocation methodology for federal MIPPA funding for the MI-1718 contract.

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Request for Funds and Expenditure Reports

To request funds, AAAs must use the MIPPA Monthly Expenditure Report and Request for Funds or Reimbursement (CDA 245M) found under the MIPPA Documents section of the <u>Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) - Fiscal Forms and Documents page</u> on CDA's website.

For guidance on reporting expenditures, refer to the MIPPA Monthly Expenditure Report and Request for Funds or Reimbursement Instructions (CDA 245Mi) found under the MIPPA Documents section of the <u>Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) - Fiscal Forms and Documents page</u> on CDA's website.

CDA will not process payments for the MI-1718 contract until the AAA's original MIPPA Budget (CDA 229M) and the MIPPA Work Plan Template (CDA 7001M) are approved and the Contract is fully executed. Both the MIPPA Budget (CDA 229M) and and MIPPA Work Plan Template (CDA 7001M) can be found under the MIPPA Documents section of the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) - Fiscal Forms and Documents page on CDA's website.

Deadlines

AAAs must submit the MIPPA Budget (CDA 229M) and the MIPPA Work Plan Template as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date of this PM.

Additionally, the following deadlines are footnoted on the Budget Display within Exhibit B of the Contract:

- Expenditures
- Closeout reports

Contract Language Updates

All contract language updates are identified in the MI-1718 Contract Summary of Changes (CDA 9008) found on the <u>Area Agencies on Aging – Contract Summaries of Changes page</u> on CDA's website.

Inquiries

For programmatic and data inquiries, contact your assigned CDA MIPPA Specialist with the CDA HICAP Team at HICAPTeam2@aging.ca.gov.

For program fiscal inquiries, contact your assigned CDA Program Fiscal Team Specialist at FiscalTeam@aging.ca.gov.

For payment inquiries, contact the CDA Accounting Team at CDA.Accounting@aging.ca.gov.

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Director's Message

This MIPPA grant funding provides additional resources to identify and help enroll low income Medicare beneficiaries into the Part D program by providing reduced prescription premiums and deductibles. The Social Security Administration estimates that the Extra Help provided by the Low Income Subsidy and the Medicare Savings Program can be worth an average of \$4,000 a year in savings for these beneficiaries. This can be a substantial amount for individuals struggling to get by month to month.

Through prior grants, California's AAAs, HICAPs, and ADRCs have employed great creativity and diligence in conducting outreach and encouraging enrollment. But there are always new and still unreached beneficiaries that can benefit from this Extra Help. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment in this effort. We look forward to our continued partnership with you in seeking to increase program enrollment.

Lora Connolly

Director